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Mr. Monn:

### NPDES SMALL MS4 GENERAL PERMIT; CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES, SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY, WDID# 3 40MS03019

We received the City of Paso Robles (City) response to our December 12, 2006 request for additional information regarding deficiencies in the City's Storm Water Management Program (SWMP). The City's response does not provide the information required in the September 27, 2006 Notice of Violation or the December 12, 2006 request for additional information. The City has failed to implement the requirements of the Municipal General Permit and continues to be in violation of those requirements.

The Water Board considers SWMP implementation and the annual reporting process high priorities. The City has a vital role in mitigating the damaging effects of urban runoff on water quality and aquatic habitat. We have serious concerns regarding the City's storm water program based on the City's failure to implement BMPs required in year one of your SWMP, failure to adequately evaluate basic program elements in your annual report, and continued failure to provide information regarding basic program elements. Due to the serious nature of the City's General Permit violations, we are recommending that our enforcement unit proceed with additional enforcement actions against the City. The City is still required to provide the information previously requested and is required to implement all BMPs within the timeframes outlined in the City's SWMP.

Pursuant to California Water Code Section 13385, the Central Coast Water Board may impose civil liability for up to ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for each day that these violations occur.

If you have questions regarding this matter, please contact **Michael Thomas at (805) 542-4623.**

Sincerely,

  
for Roger W. Briggs  
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